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SUBJ: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: AMERICAN THEATRE TROUPE

TOURING PRIVATELY: MEDICINE SHOW

REF: BATOR/CALLOWAY LETTER OF JULY 10, 1973

1. CU/CP IS ADVISED BY MEL HOWARD THAT MEDICINE SHOW
THEATRE ENSEMBLE TAKING TWO PRODUCTIONS ON EUROPEAN TOUR,
"THE MEDICINE SHOW" AND "FROGS." GROUP DEPARTS U.S.
SEPTEMBER 19 AND OPENS TOUR IN BELGRADE SEPTEMBER 21.
HOWARD ALSO ADVISES THAT "BITEF EXPECTS DOLS 1000 FROM
U.S. EMB BELGRADE."

2. GROUP BROKE AWAY FROM JOSEPH CHAIKIN'S OPEN THEATRE
TWO YEARS AGO AND IS UNDER DIRECTION OF BARBARA VANE.
REGRETTABLY NO DRAMA PANEL EVALUATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
BUT WILL CONTINUE ATTEMPT OBTAIN. WILL ADVISE BY
AUGUST 20.

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3. HAVE REQUESTED PUBLICITY KIT AND WILL FORWARD TO EMB
BELGRADE WHEN RECEIVED.

4. AS EMB AWARE, THEATRE HAS NOT BEEN SUPPORTED BY DEPT
FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DEPT WILL CONSIDER FUTURE LIMITED
SUPPORT THEATRE TROUPES AFTER TOTAL RESULTS OF ARENA STAGE
APPEARANCES IN U.S.S.R. HAVE BEEN EVALUATED. AT PRESENT
TIME WE CANNOT ENCOURAGE EMB SPONSORSHIP OF UNEVALUATED
THEATRE TROUPE TOURING PRIVATELY. ROGERS

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